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Federal flood protection projects lessened Hurricane Ivan flooding in Susquehanna River Basin

Baltimore – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District officials announced today that federal reservoirs and flood protection projects in the Susquehanna River basin prevented more than \$1.6 billion in flood damages during last month's heavy rains caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ivan.

The 14 Corps-operated flood control reservoirs and 21 Corps-built and locally-maintained flood protection projects helped lessen the overall flood levels and flood damages that occurred within the Susquehanna River's five sub-basins.

A breakdown of damages prevented by sub-basin is as follows:

- Upper Susquehanna = \$73 million
- Chemung = \$240 million
- West Branch Susquehanna = \$604 million
- Juniata = \$75 million
- Main Stem Susquehanna = \$667 million
- Total damages prevented = \$1.6 billion

Officials estimate that Corps reservoirs held back 135 billion gallons of water, thus significantly reducing flooding within the five sub-basins.

